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Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 2002N-0273

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very much opposed to Docket No. 2002N-0273. I feel that this change is unwarranted and certainly not needed at this time. It would create a tremendous health and environmental issue in a rural county like Gibson County, TN. This requirement would place so much additional expense on our rendering company that they could not continue to collect and dispose of dead animal carcass.

Please give our county due consideration before this type regulation is adopted. Rural counties with a considerable large animal population would have no way to handle this problem should the rendering companies discontinue this service. I do not see any need for this rule at the present time.

Sincerely,

Ronnie A. Riley
County Mayor

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